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PREMAND Community Intervention Report New Midwifery lodging in Nagboo



Nagboo's new midwife quarters will mean local moms have more consistent access to a skilled midwife for deliveries. Currently, the midwife travels each day to Naggoo from her home beyond the village, a journey that is not safe to make alone at night. The new lodging (under construction on the left and nearly complete on the right) will allow her to remain in Nagboo overnight, increasing access to her services.

Community leaders in Nagboo selected 14 people to serve on the Innovation Site committee, including two representatives from each of the six sections, one chief, and one assemblyman. Committee leaders were assigned the titles of Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. They convened for five meetings before making an intervention decision.

After weighing several intervention options (e.g., purchasing a motorized tricycle to transport women for deliveries; a new water access pipe), committee members opted to build lodging for the region's midwife to stay near the health clinic overnight. The woman was often called upon to travel the long distance from her home outside of the village to Nagboo, a journey that was not safe for her to make alone after dark. Providing housing for her to remain in the community during the week (rather than returning home each night) would greatly increase access for the area's expecting mothers.

"We are in this town and we know ... what can help us more than if they were to decide for us. So I can say the way they allowed us to take our own decisions was very good."

*- Nagboo PREMAND
Innovation Site Committee member*

The community came together to donate their time to build the lodge. Women fetched water while local men dug the foundation and provided material support. Even local school children helped move blocks to the site for the construction. Unfortunately, the community ran out of funds to complete the project and is now in the process of collecting their own money to complete the structure. Thus far they have collected \$635 GH¢ (about \$142 US) to use toward the project, which they expect to complete in 2018.

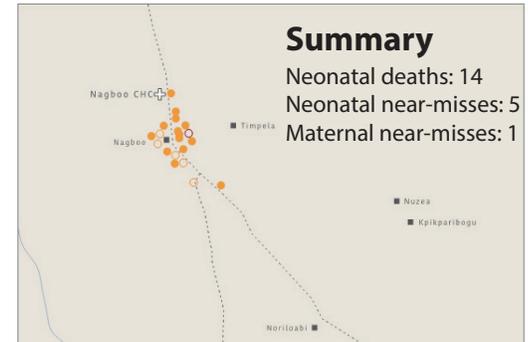
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Maternal and Neonatal Deaths and Near-Misses in Nagboo, East Mamprusi Municipality

The Preventing Maternal and Neonatal Death (PREMAND) Project is a collaboration between the Navrongo Health Research Centre and the University of Michigan. Data collected from August 2015 - February 2017.



- Maternal Death (0)
- Maternal Near-Miss (1)
- Neonatal Death (14)
- Neonatal Near-Miss (5)
- ⊕ Health Facility
- Village
- ⊞ Road



Funded by USAID, the Preventing Maternal And Neonatal Death (PREMAND) project combined high-tech GPS mapping software with high-touch qualitative interviews to help communities in northern Ghana address maternal and neonatal mortality.

The team identified Innovation Site communities with a disproportionate burden of deaths and near-misses. Interactive maps showing the location of the incidents, combined with detailed narratives describing the circumstances of each event, helped health workers and leaders better understand the trends and the underlying causes of maternal and neonatal mortality in their region. Finally, small pilot grants of \$8,000 GH¢ (about \$2,000 US) were awarded to help each community tailor solutions to meet local needs.



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